

Crop Progress and Condition



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Agricultural News: Days suitable for fieldwork were 5.7. Weather conditions were cool and damp with snow and frost. There are still some drought conditions. Farming activities for the week included selling cattle, calving, planting wheat, and harvesting soybeans.

SOIL MOISTURE for week ending 11/17/19

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus	
	%	%	%	%	
Topsoil	3	17	79	1	
Subsoil	8	22	70	-	

⁻ Represents zero.

CROP CONDITIONS for week ending 11/17/19

Crop	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent	
	%	%	%	%	%	
Barley	-	6	19	70	5	
Winter Wheat	-	9	16	65	10	
Pasture	21	31	34	14	-	

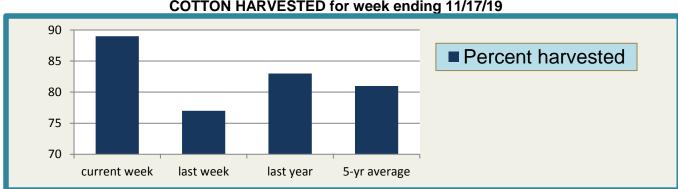
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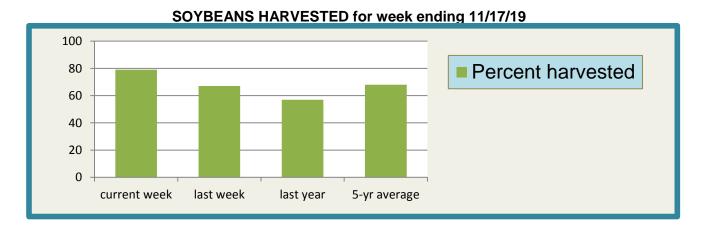
CROP PROGRESS for week ending 11/17/19

Crop Stage	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Yr Avg
	%	%	%	%
Barley planted	95	93	92	-
Cotton harvested	89	77	83	81
Soybeans harvested	79	67	57	68
Winter Wheat planted	90	82	70	75

⁻Represents data not available.

COTTON HARVESTED for week ending 11/17/19





Weather Summary- For the week ending November 17, 2019

City	Temperature					Growing degree days (modified base 50)		Precipitation					
	Avg. max.	Avg. min.	High max.	Low min.	Avg.	Avg. dep. from normal *	Mar. 1 to Nov. 16	Mar. 1 to Nov. 16 Norm	Last Week	Since Sep. 1	Sep. 1 dep. from normal *	Jan. 1 to date	Jan. 1 dep. from normal *
Lynchburg	52	26	69	17	39	-9	4495	3932	0.19	7.09	-1.77	35.76	-2.69
Norfolk	56	38	69	27	47	-6	5317	4433	0.93	7.84	-1.27	43.46	2.07
Richmond	54	31	70	20	43	-7	4986	4292	0.89	6.02	-3.24	40.05	0.79
Roanoke	54	27	70	18	41	-8	4690	NA	0.00	7.67	-0.94	39.17	1.15
Wash/Dulles	52	26	69	17	39	-8	4346	NA	0.16	6.67	-2.22	36.51	-0.74

^{*} Normal based on 1971-2000 data. NA-Not available. Source: NCEP/NOAA Climate Prediction Center http://www.cpc.ncep.noaa.gov. Source: USDA, NASS, Virginia Field Office.

REPORTER COMMENTS BY COUNTY – Comments are based on remarks made by extension agents, farmers, commodity specialists, and other knowledgeable individuals.

WESTERN

ROCKBRIDGE (Thomas Stanley)

Rockbridge was dry and seasonally cool. Soybean harvest is essentially complete. Some corn is still standing that will be picked or combined later.

BATH/HIGHLAND (Jennifer Matosky)

Colder through this week in the 20s during the day and at night. Still a little dry. Light snow on Tuesday and Wednesday.

CENTRAL

AMELIA (Laura Siegle)

Soybean harvest is underway and most pastures are showing regrowth, although recovery and inventory remains less than optimal following the summer drought.

BUCKINGHAM (Jennifer Ligon)

Hay inventory is extremely low, and a record number of cattle is being sold each week.

GOOCHLAND (Nicole Shuman)

Hard frosts Tuesday through Thursday.

SOUTHWESTERN

CARROLL (Steve Pottorff)

Parts of the county received up to 3 inches of snow during the week. Temperatures were much lower than normal.

SOUTHEASTERN

GREENSVILLE (Sara Rutherford)

Harvest of cotton is wrapping up and soybean harvest is slowly picking up. Still receiving reports and confirming fire ant mounds in fields and pastures.

CHESAPEAKE CITY (Watson Lawrence Jr.)

Corn and soybean yields were above average for 2019. Corn averaged mostly between 175 to 225 bu./acre and soybeans averaged mostly between 45 to 60 bu./acre.

BRUNSWICK (Cynthia Gregg)

Rain and cold temperatures slowed soybean and grain sorghum harvest, along with small grain planting. Fall calving is in full swing. Collards are being sold now that they have been frosted upon. Deer season is going strong.